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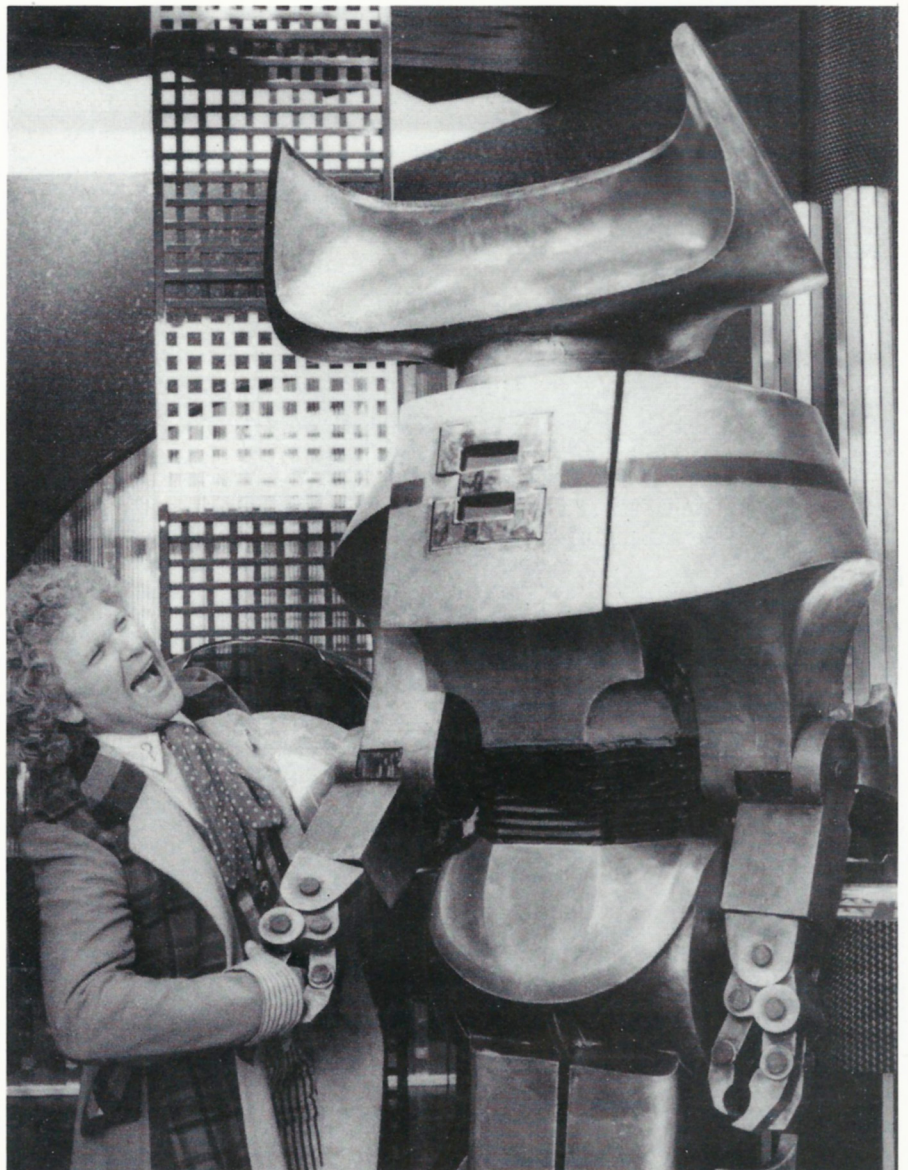
(Series 7A-7C)

The Trial Of A Time Lord

Doctor Who returns in an epic 14-episode series. The Doctor is placed on trial by the Time Lords of Gallifrey. The charge – interfering in galactic affairs, the penalty if found guilty – death and the loss of all remaining regenerations. The trial includes stories from the Doctor's past, present and future. Colin Baker plays the Doctor with Bonnie Langford as Melanie his new assistant. Also in the series – Joan Sims, Nicola Bryant, Brian Blessed and Michael Jayston.

EPISODES 1-4

The story begins with the Valeyard as Prosecuting Counsellor for the Time Lords, placing the evidence before the Court. The Doctor decides to conduct his own defence. The case against the Doctor begins on earth 2,000 years into the future. A direct hit by a fireball has reduced life to a primitive level. Under the ground live a group led by the giant robot Drathro. They believe that the surface is uninhabitable, but Katya and the Tribe of the Free are living on the surface. A couple of galactic pirates, Dibber and Glitz blow up the light-converter which is worshipped by the Tribe of the Free. When Drathro's black light system begins to fail, the Doctor is persuaded to help, but he has to shut down the system to save the planet from total destruction.



COLIN BAKER as *The Doctor* with Drathro

EPISODES 5-8

The case against the Doctor and his assistant Peri (played by Nicola Bryant) continues. Kiv, the leader of the Doctor's old enemy Sil, needs a new body because his brain is growing too large for his skull. The brain surgeon, Crozier, is planning to operate but his previous experiments have led to horrible mutations and Yrancos, the aggressive king of a neighbouring planet, wants to put an end to these experiments when he learns that his former servant has been turned into a Wolf-Man. The Doctor is tested by Crozier and the electric currents from the machine seem to be affecting his memory. The Doctor claims that the evidence against him is false and wonders whether he has been betrayed by his friends. Peri seems to be the ideal candidate for receiving Kiv's brain. The Doctor fails to stop the operation but after discovering what has happened Yrancos kills her.

EPISODES 9-12

The Doctor begins his defence. Accompanied by his new assistant Melanie (played by Bonnie Langford), he answers a distress call from the space passenger liner Hyperion III. The Commodore of the liner is an old friend of the Doctor's and the passengers include Professor Lasky, the biologist (played by Honor Blackman). Several mysterious deaths occur on the liner and in their search for the murderer, the Doctor and Melanie have to solve the mystery of the mutant locked in the isolation room. Hyperion III is heading towards the Black Hole of Tartarus and the Doctor has to save the passengers from destruction.



BONNIE LANGFORD as *Melanie* and COLIN BAKER as *The Doctor*

EPISODES 13-14

The Doctor completes his evidence and wonders whether his friends from the past and future will help him win his case. The Master, appearing to the Court from within the Matrix, exposes the prosecuting Valeyard as a freak regenerative form of the Doctor's darker side. Escaping from the court, the Valeyard engages the Doctor in a battle of wills as he taunts him with a series of illusions. Eventually, the Doctor wins the day in a spectacular fashion — or does he?

CAST

Dr Who COLIN BAKER
 Peri NICOLA BRYANT
 Melanie BONNIE LANGFORD
 The Valeyard MICHAEL JAYSTON
 Katryca JOAN SIMS
 The Inquisitor LYNDY BELLINGHAM
 Crozier PATRICK RYECART
 Kiv CHRISTOPHER RYAN
 Sil NABIL SHABAN
 Written by Robert Holmes, Philip Martin, Pip and Jane Baker
 Directed by Nick Mallett, Ron Jones, Chris Clough
 Producer John Nathan-Turner



COLIN BAKER as *The Doctor*

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